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SUBJ: NICARAGUA: VENEZUELAN REQUEST FOR MFG

REF: STATE 227780

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ME SEPTEMBER 7 THAT PERU WOULD

VOTE FOR THE CONVOCAION OF AN MFM IF A CLEAR MAJORITY OF
THE OTHER MEMBERS IN FAVOR WERE TO APPEAR. HE INDICATED THAT
OTHERWISE THE PERUVIANS WOULD TAKE NO INITIATIVE BEYOND KEEP-
ING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH INTERESTED DELEGATIONS. HE UNDER-
STANDS THAT WE SUPPORT THE VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE IN PRINCIPLE
BUT ARE NOT PRESSING FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION UNTIL A CONSENSUS
DEVELOPS.

2. WITH RESPECT TO POINT (C) PARA 2 REFTTEL, HIS OFFICE
HAS INFORMED US TODAY THAT THE PERUVIAN OAS REPRESENTATIVE
HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT IF WE OR OTHERS PROPOSE A FURTHER
DELAY, PERU WILL SUPPORT THE MOTION.

3. AS FOR POINT (B), DE LA PUENTE MADE IT CLEAR IN OUR
PREVIOUS CONVERSATION THAT HE HAD CONSIDERABLE RESERVA-

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TIONS ABOUT THE VENEZUELA INITIATIVE AS POSSIBLY
JURIDICALLY UNSOUND AND PRECEDENTIALLY DANGEROUS.
(MARCHAND, WHO IS HERE NOW, WAS PURPORTEDLY RESEARCHING
THE LEGAL QUESTION.) I MENTIONED THE POSITIVE OAS

ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE 1961 DOMINICAN AFFAIR BUT HE REMAINED
NEGATIVE. HOWEVER, HE RESERVES FINAL JUDGMENT UNTIL HE HAS

REVIEWED ALL OF THE FACTS.

4. IN SUM, AS OF NOW, THE PERUVIANS ARE LIKELY TO BE NO
MORE THAN RELUCTANT FOLLOWERS IN THIS INSTANCE.
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